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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO 1449 and respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the above-captioned application.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute “prior art.” If the Examiner applies the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute “prior art” under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Applicants submit that the three foreign references listed on the attached Form PTO 1449 were first mailed to the United States Patent & Trademark Office on November 5, 2004 and received on November 8, 2004. A copy of the date-stamped itemized postcard which demonstrates that all 26 references listed in the original Form PTO 1449 were received is enclosed herewith (Exhibit 1). In order to expedite the consideration of the present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, applicants are also enclosing copies of the foreign references listed on the attached Form PTO 1449.

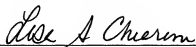
Since the enclosed date-stamped itemized postcard submitted herewith serves as *prima facie* evidence that the attached references were already received by the USPTO, applicants believe that no fee is due in connection with this submission. If any additional fee is due, or if any overpayment has been made, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 02-4377.

Respectfully submitted,

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### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Exam Initial	No.	Document No.	Publication Date	Applicant(s)
	1.	WO01/52687	07/26/2001	Sunstar, Inc.
	2.	DE3636064 (w/English Abstract)	04/28/1988	SCHAEFER HEINRICH
	3.	FR2371178 (w/English Description Translation)	07/21/1978	MOUNIBAS BERNARD

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